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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

An English abstract of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 2002-75314 is attached and discussed at pages 2-3 of the specification. An English abstract of Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No. 11-86823 is attached and relates to gas which is released at low pressure to prevent laminating films from rupturing.

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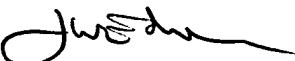
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